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MINUTES OF THE FIFTY-FIRST MEETING OF SUBCOMMITTEE ON
EXPLOITATION OF FOREIGN LANGUAGE PUBLICATIONS

10 June 1955

Present

Members: John Lacey, State
Richard Bauer, Army
LTJG Richard W. Hanson, Navy
LTJG William C. Nyce, Navy

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Consultants:

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1. The 51st meeting convened at 1400 hours, and the minutes of the 50th meeting were approved.

2. The Chairman delivered to the interested members lists of the major English-language newspapers of India and Pakistan.

3. Western Europe (cont'd)

The members' comments on the Chairman's proposal (50th meeting) of review of the Western Europe program in the light of over-all Agency priorities were as follows:

State: Mr. Lacey stated that he would like to reaffirm State concurrence in FDD's proposals in the Western Europe program. He continued that it was hoped that another provisional period of FDD reporting would be undertaken to see if the potential can be realized through closer liaison and more specific statements of State's needs. Mr. Lacey presented a specific statement of needs which is attached to the Committee record.

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The Chairman stated that he had had a request by State and Army to bring before the Committee the subject of coverage of Civil Defense, Western Europe. Mr. Lacey and Mr. Bauer stated that this had been mentioned to them in somewhat vague terms and it was better to leave the matter for treatment under specific or ad hoc requests.

Army: Mr. Bauer stated that while the FDD reports were not useful for current information they were useful in the background information reported. Army would like to see coverage of reaction to U. S. military developments and policy. As to the question of FDD's transfer of Western European effort to more urgent areas, Army's Western European people felt that they would lose a good deal of value but would make the sacrifice and go along with such a transfer in light of over-all priorities.

Navy: Lt. Nyce concurred generally with Army's statement but would like to see Finland covered, as FDD's reports provided unique information on the area.

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NSA: [] stated that NSA was willing to see the Western European effort transferred to other areas of higher priority.

The Chairman stated that the consensus of opinion was that FDD should transfer as much manpower as possible to more critical areas and devote the effort of the remainder to very specific needs. FDD will draw up an amended program in the light of the preceding comments and distribute to the members.

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4. [] Korea

State: Mr. Lacey stated that State found the report useful and would like to see it continued. Biographic reporting was particularly helpful [] the coverage was almost too detailed and reached too low a level. They would like to see biographic coverage of government officials below "Bureau Chief" in the Foreign Ministry only when they were concerned with diplomatic matters. For other ministries they are not interested in personnel below bureau chief.

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Army: Mr. Bauer stated that Army had no requirements except on North Korea, and while he knew that FDD would report military information when it appeared, Army would like to see this category added as a heading in the program outline.

The Chairman stated that this would be done.

Navy: Lt. Nyce stated that the program is very satisfactory to Navy and should be continued. Navy would like to see an increase in the biographic coverage of military personalities of North Korea.

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CIA: [] stated that the reporting of FDD is useful but CIA would like to see a further breakdown under North Korea to include Foreign Aid, Banking, Mining, Heavy and Light Industry, Agriculture, Commodity Price Changes, and Population Data.

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NSA: [] stated that the coverage [] is good. North Korean "government changes" are good but the "economic" coverage is more extensive than is needed by NSA. They have no interest in economic reporting on South Korea but the coverage of "government" and "biographic" is useful. International issues are thoroughly covered by other sources and FDD should not take the time to cover this subject.

The Chairman summed up that the current report is useful and should be continued with a further breakdown under "Economic/North Korea" as stated, and a section headed "Military." FDD should avoid reporting on international issues.

5. Latin America

State: Mr. Lacey had found that the semi-monthly report is useful but its current usefulness was impaired by the time lag between reporting and the date of publication of the source material. The Bolivian reporting is especially useful, that on the Dominican Republic is excessive, Colombia and Chile are duplicative except for electric power in Chile, and the reporting on Argentina is of little or no value. State concurs in the proposed changes. Detailed statement was presented by Mr. Lacey and is a part of the Committee record.

Army: Mr. Bauer stated that the reporting is useful to Army and they would like it continued until such time as coverage by attachés is established.

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Navy: Lt. Nyce stated that the reporting is of little value to Navy except the Latin American items in "Selected Briefs from the International Press" on Communist front activities, East West Trade and Smuggling, which are useful.

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CIA: [] stated that CIA proposed the deletion of 2, b, (1) "information from the Cuban newspaper [] and the previously requested "References to official visits and courtesies of Latin American governments to Dominican Republic," but would like to see the remainder of the reporting continued.

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NSA: [] stated that reporting on national political events is useful. International political events are reported from other sources. Local events are of no interest. More coverage of Peru and Ecuador on national political events is needed.

The Chairman: The consensus of opinion indicates that FDD should continue the program, with the deletion of 2, b, (1) and proposed 1, e, adding the detailed changes of State Department and expanding the coverage of Peru and Ecuador if possible.

6. The Chairman distributed a survey questionnaire of Eastern European press monitoring, which he requested the members to circulate among their analysts and get as many answers as possible so FDD could determine the extent to which these reports satisfy current requirements.

He continued that as the current review of all the reporting programs has been completed the Committee could go on a monthly schedule for its meetings until time for the next program review. He stated that two items have been presented which are appropriate for the Agenda: 1) examination of the objectives of the Committee and restatement if necessary. (Copies of the original objectives are attached to these minutes) and 2) determination of the needs for the augmentation of facilities for processing foreign-language publications.

7. The meeting adjourned at 1530 hours. The next meeting will be held on Friday, 8 July 1955, in Room 2125 M Building, at 1400 hours, and the agenda as covered in Paragraph 25X1 above.

Enclosure:

Statement of General Objectives of
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STATEMENT OF GENERAL OBJECTIVES OF SUBCOMMITTEE ON
EXPLOITATION OF FOREIGN LANGUAGE PUBLICATIONS

Under the provisions of National Security Council Intelligence Directive No. 16 an Advisory Committee on Foreign Language Publications was established to assist the Director of Central Intelligence in the implementation of that directive.

The Subcommittee on Exploitation of Foreign Language Publications was appointed by the Advisory Committee to assist it in all matters of its mission dealing with the exploitation of foreign language publications.

It is therefore construed that the Subcommittee will concern itself with Paragraphs 2a and 3 of NSCID No. 16.

It shall be the aim of this Subcommittee to:

- a. Examine the requirements and priorities of the intelligence agencies for information from foreign language publications and the present activities (1) and methods of exploitation (2) of foreign language publications with a view to determining and recommending what steps need to be taken to provide the intelligence community with a sound ~~coordinated~~ ^{development} program for the collection of needed information from these sources.
- b. Examine present coordination of translation services and recommend any steps necessary to improve this coordination.
- c. Examine thereafter periodically the exploitation program and the coordination of translation services so as to advise on their effectiveness) and recommend any variations or alterations in coordination, procedures or priorities due to changing needs or conditions.

(1) It is understood that present activities refer primarily to established organizations providing service in extraction, including external contractual arrangements, of raw information from the exploitation of foreign language publications and whose products are disseminated or generally available to the intelligence community.

While the research work done by the offices primarily concerned with the production of finished intelligence is an important phase of foreign language exploitation, it will not be covered by the examinations of this Subcommittee.

(2) Exploitation of foreign language publications includes the preparation in English of annotated bibliographies, abstracts of articles or publications, extracts or summaries of specific information in publications, selective translation of key portions of publications, compilations and collations of specific information from a variety of publications and the use of special approaches and techniques to derive or synthesize information required and available from foreign language publications.

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FDD PROGRAM FOR WESTERN EUROPE

The following reports will be issued in the FDD OO-W series consisting of information in newspapers, periodicals, and monographs. This program is outlined in broad terms and subject to specific refinement through operational liaison. The reports will be unclassified and marked "FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY."

1. Weekly Index of "La Stampa" and "La Stampa-Sera"
2. Weekly Index of "Le Monde"
3. Development of Political Attitudes in West Germany and Austria (bimonthly)
4. Trade Union Activities in Finland (bimonthly)
5. Cooperation between Communist, Socialist, and ^{Catholic} ~~Communist~~ Labor Unions in France and Italy (bimonthly)

Specific requirements will be handled on an ad hoc basis.

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